
General Patient Care Protocols: Physician/Nurse At The Scene

I. Procedure for a Physician on the Scene

1. When a bystander at an emergency identifies themselves as a physician, the provider will thank them for their offer of assistance.
2. If the physician wishes to direct patient care, the provider will
 - A. Ask to see the physician's medical license, unless the physician is known to them.
 - B. Immediately contact Medical Control and speak to the Medical Control physician.
 - C. The provider should instruct the physician on the scene in the operation of the Med Radio, and have the on scene physician speak directly to the Medical Control physician.
3. The Medical Control physician may
 - A. Request that the physician on the scene function in an observer capacity only.
 - B. Retain medical control but consider suggestions offered by the physician on the scene.
 - C. Delegate medical control to the physician on the scene.
 - i. Providers will make all equipment and supplies available to the physician and offer assistance.
 - ii. Ensure that the physician accompanies the patient to the receiving facility in the ambulance.
 - iii. Ensure that the physician signs for all instructions and medical care administered on the Patient Care Report.
 - iv. Keep the Medical Control physician advised of the patient's status.



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II. Procedure for a Nurse on the Scene

1. When a bystander at an emergency identifies themselves as a nurse, the provider will thank them for their offer of assistance.
2. If the nurse wishes to assist with patient care, the provider will ask to see the nurse's license, unless the nurse is known to them.
 - A. A R.N. may perform BLS procedures at the discretion of the providers.
3. If the nurse wishes to assist with ALS patient care, the provider will immediately contact Medical Control and speak to the Medical Control physician.
 - A. A R.N. may perform ALS procedures within their scope of practice **only** when approved by the Medical Control physician.

